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### Absentee Ballot Deadlines

The dates and deadlines listed here apply to ballots requested and returned by voters within the United States. Separate procedures may apply for overseas and military voters.

State	Requires No Excuse	Request By	Return Voted Ballot By
<b>Alabama</b> §17-11-3(a) and 17-11-18		Not less than 5 days before election	Noon, Election Day (must be postmarked the day before)
<b>Alaska</b> §15.20.081(b) and 15.20.081(e)	<b>Alaska</b> A.S. §15.20.010	10 days before election	Close of business on 10 <sup>th</sup> day after election (must be postmarked no later than Election Day)
<b>Arizona</b> §16-542 (E) and 16-547(C)	<b>Arizona</b> A.R.S. §16-541(A)	From 93 days before election; must be received at the office by 5 pm, 11 <sup>th</sup> day before the election	7 pm on Election Day
<b>Arkansas</b> §7-5-404 and 7-5-412(c)	Unsure	Close of business the day before election if on official form; if not, then by 7 days before election	Election Day
<b>California</b> Elec. Code §3001 and § 3017(a)	<b>California</b> Elec. Code §3003	Between 29 and 7 days before election	Election Day
<b>Colorado</b> §1-8-104 and §1-8-113	<b>All-mail</b>	n/a (a)	Election Day
<b>Connecticut</b> §9-140(h) and 9-140b		Day before election	Close of polls on Election Day
<b>Delaware</b>		Noon, day before election	Close of polls on Election Day

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Title 15, §§503 and 5508			
<b>Florida</b> §101.62 (2) and 101.65(1)	Fla. Stat. §101.62	5 pm the 6 <sup>th</sup> day before election	Close of polls on Election Day
<b>Georgia</b> §O.C.G.A. 21-2-381(2) and (4) (2010)	O.C.G.A. 21-2-380	Between 180 days and the Friday before election	11 days after the election
<b>Hawaii</b> §15-2, 15-4 and 15-9	H.R.S. §15-2	From 60 days to 4:30 pm on the 7 <sup>th</sup> day before the election	Close of polls on Election Day
<b>Idaho</b> §34-1001, 34-1002, 34-1004	Idaho Code §34-1001	5 pm the 6 <sup>th</sup> day before election	8 pm on Election Day
<b>Illinois</b> 10 ILCS 5/19-2 and 10 ILCS 5/19-8(b)	10 ILCS 5/19-2	From 40 days to 5 days before the election if application is mailed, or from 40 days to the day before the election if hand delivered	Close of polls on Election Day
<b>Indiana</b> Ind. Code §3-11-4-3 and 3-11-10-3		Not earlier than the date the registration period resumes following a primary or later than midnight, 8 days before Election Day	Close of polls on Election Day; In central count counties, noon on Election Day
<b>Iowa</b> §53.2(1), 53.17(2)	Election Code 53.1	Not earlier than 70 days before the election and, if applying in person, not later than the day before the election; if applying by mail, not later than 5pm on the Friday before the election	Close of polls on Election Day, OR postmarked no later than the day before election and received before noon on the Monday following election
<b>Kansas</b> §K.S.A. §25-1122(e) and 25-1132	K.S.A. §25-1122	Not earlier than 90 days before the election and not later than the last business day of the week preceding the election	Close of polls on Election Day
<b>Kentucky</b> §117.075 and 117.086		7 days before Election Day Day before Election Day in cases of medical emergency	Close of polls on Election Day
<b>Louisiana</b> §18:1307(B)(2) and		Not earlier than 60 days or later than 4:30pm on the 4 <sup>th</sup> day before the election	4:30pm on the day before the election

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<b>Maine</b> Title 21-A, §753-A, 753-B, and §755	M.R.S.A. Title 21-A, §751	Not earlier than three months before election and no later than 5pm Thursday before election	Close of polls on Election Day
<b>Maryland</b> Elec. Code §9-305(b) and 11-302(c) COMAR §33.11.03.08	Elec. Law § 9-304	Tuesday preceding election	Close of polls on Election Day OR mailed on or before Election Day and received by the local board from the USPS or a private mail carrier by 10am on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday following a primary preceding a gubernatorial election, or by 10am on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday following a general or special election or in a presidential primary
<b>Massachusetts</b> Ch. 54, §89 and 93		Noon, day before election	Close of polls on Election Day
<b>Michigan</b> §168.759 and 168.764a		Not earlier than 75 days before the election and not later than 2pm on the Saturday before the election	Close of polls on Election Day
<b>Minnesota</b> §203B.04, 203B.08		Day before election	On Election Day if mailed, by 3pm Election Day if delivered in person
<b>Mississippi</b> §23-15-715 and 23-15- 721(3)		Not more than 45 days nor later than noon on the Saturday preceding elections held on Tuesday, the Thursday immediately preceding elections held on Saturday, or the second day immediately preceding the date of elections held on other days	5pm, day preceding the election
<b>Missouri</b> §115.279 and 115-293		5pm on the Wednesday before the election	Close of polls on Election Day
<b>Montana</b> §13-13-211 and 13-21-304 and 13-13-232(3)	M.C.A. §13-13-201	Beginning 75 days before the election and no later than 5 pm the day before election	Close of polls on Election Day

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<b>Nebraska</b> N.R.S. §32-941 and 32-950	N.R.S. §32-938	Not earlier than 120 days before the election and not later than 4 pm on the Wednesday before the election	Close of polls on Election Day
<b>Nevada</b> N.R.S. §293.315 and 293.317	N.R.S. §293.313	5 pm the 7 <sup>th</sup> calendar day before the election	Close of polls on Election Day
<b>New Hampshire</b> 657:22		5 pm the day before the election, per secretary of state's office	5pm Election Day
<b>New Jersey</b> §19:63-3(b) and (d) and 19:63-18	N.J. Stat. Ann. §19:63-3	Not less than 7 days before the election if mailed 3pm the day before the election if requested in person	Close of polls on Election Day
<b>New Mexico</b> §1-6-5(G) and 1-6-10(B)	N.M. Stat. Ann. §1-6-3	5pm Friday before the election	7 pm Election Day
<b>New York</b> Elec. Code, Art 8-400(2)(c) And Elec. Code, Art 8-412		7 days prior if mailed, or the day before the election if in person	Close of polls on Election Day, or postmarked not later than the day before the election and received not later than 7 days after the election
<b>North Carolina</b> §163-230.1 and 163-231(b)	N.C. Gen. Stat. §163-226	5 pm Tuesday before the election	Postmarked by day of election and received not later than 3 days later
<b>North Dakota</b> §16.1-07-05 and 16.1-07-12.1	N.D. Century Code §16.1-07.01	The day before the election	Close of the polls
<b>Ohio</b> §3509.03(I) and §3509.05(B)(1)	O.R.C. §3509.02	Noon the third day prior to the election, or close of business the day before the election if handled in person	If postmarked by the day before the election and received not later than 10 days after
<b>Oklahoma</b> §26-14-103 and 26-14-104	OK Stat. §26-14-105	5pm Wednesday preceding the election	7 pm day of election
<b>Oregon</b> §253.030(2) and §253.070	All-mail	n/a (a)	8 pm on Election Day
<b>Pennsylvania</b> Title 4, 171.14		5 pm the Tuesday before the election, per <a href="#">Department of State</a>	5 pm on the Friday before election; after that time ballots received

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			before the close of the polls will be counted only for President and Vice President
<b>Rhode Island</b> §17-20-2.1(c) and §17-20-2.2 and §17-20-8(c)		4 pm on the 21 <sup>st</sup> day before the election, or 4 pm on the last day before the election in emergencies	9 pm on Election Day
<b>South Carolina</b> §7-15-330 and §7-15-420		5 pm the 4 <sup>th</sup> day before the election, or 5 pm the day before the election when done in person	Close of polls on Election Day
<b>South Dakota</b> §12-19-2.1	S.D.C.L. §12-19-1		3 pm day of the election
<b>Tennessee</b> §2-6-202		After the 90 <sup>th</sup> day before election and before the 7 <sup>th</sup> day before the election	Close of polls on Election Day, per the Secretary of State's <a href="#">website</a>
<b>Texas</b> §84.007(c) and 86.007(a)		After 60 <sup>th</sup> day before election and prior to 7 <sup>th</sup> day before election	Close of polls on Election Day unless under certain circumstances (c)
<b>Utah</b> §20A-3-304 and 306(2)(b)(ii)	Utah Code §20A-3-301	Friday before election	Postmarked before Election Day and received by noon on the day of the canvass
<b>Vermont</b> Tit. 17 §2531 and 2534	Tit. 17 §2103(1) and 2531	5:00 p.m. or the closing of the town clerk's office on the day preceding the election	Close of polls on Election Day
<b>Virginia</b> §24.2-701(B) and 24.2-709		Three days prior to election	5 pm on Election Day with some exceptions (b)
<b>Washington</b> §29A.40.020(1) and §29A.40.091	All-mail	n/a (a)	Election Day
<b>West Virginia</b> §3-3-5(b) and 3-3-5(g)		Between the 84 <sup>th</sup> day and the 6 <sup>th</sup> day prior to the election	The day after the election, or the hour at which the canvass board convenes to conduct the canvass, provided it was postmarked no later

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			than Election Day
<b>Wisconsin</b> §6.86(1)(b) and 6.87(6)	Wis. Stat. §6.85	5pm on the 5 <sup>th</sup> day immediately preceding the election	8pm on Election Day
<b>Wyoming</b> §22-9-105 and 22-9-118 and 22-9-119	Wyo. Stat. §22-9-102	At any time during the calendar year in which the election is held, but not on the day of the election	Close of polls on Election Day

(a) Colorado, Oregon and Washington hold all-mail elections. Ballots are automatically mailed to every registered voter. No application or request by the voter is necessary.

(b) B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, absentee ballots (i) received after the close of the polls on any Election Day, (ii) received before 5:00 p.m. on the second business day before the State Board meets to ascertain the results of the election pursuant to this title, (iii) requested on or before but not sent by the deadline for making absentee ballots available under § 24.2-612, and (iv) cast by an absentee voter who is eligible for an absentee ballot under subdivision 2 of § 24.2-700 shall be counted pursuant to the procedures set forth in this chapter and, if the voter is found entitled to vote, included in the election returns. The electoral board shall prepare an amended certified abstract, which shall include the results of such ballots, and shall deliver such abstract to the State Board by the business day prior to its meeting pursuant to this title, and shall deliver a copy of such abstract to the general registrar to be available for inspection when his office is open for business.

(c) (d) A marked ballot voted by mail that arrives after the time prescribed by Subsection (a) shall be counted if: (1) the ballot was cast from an address outside the United States; (2) the carrier envelope was placed for delivery before the time the ballot is required to arrive under Subsection (a); and (3) the ballot arrives at the address on the carrier envelope not later than the fifth day after the date of the election, except that if that date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, then the deadline is extended to the next regular business day. (e) A delivery under Subsection (d)(2) is timely, except as otherwise provided by this title, if the carrier envelope or, if applicable, the envelope containing the carrier envelope: (1) is properly addressed with postage or handling charges prepaid; (2) is sent from an address outside the United States; and (3) bears a cancellation mark of a recognized postal service or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier indicating a time before the deadline. (f) If the envelope does not bear the cancellation mark or receipt mark as required by Subsection (e)(3), a delivery under Subsection (d)(1) is presumed to be timely if the other requirements under this section are met. Section 1.006 does not apply to Subsection (d)(3).

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